

Remarks

As noted in the accompanying REQUEST FOR FILING RULE 1.53(B) CONTINUATION APPLICATION, this is a continuation of prior application Serial No. 10/167,378, filed 6/11/2002 by Parviz Tayebati et al. for OPTICAL SWITCHING AND ATTENUATION SYSTEMS AND METHODS THEREFOR, which is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/281,406, filed 03/30/1999 by Parviz Tayebati et al. for OPTICAL SWITCHING AND ATTENUATION SYSTEMS AND METHODS THEREFOR, which patent application claims benefit of (i) U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/079,994, filed 03/30/1998 by Tayebati et al. for OPTICAL SWITCHING USING MICRO-ELECTROMECHANICAL TECHNIQUE, and (ii) U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/105,940, filed 10/28/1998 by Azimi et al. for VARIABLE OPTICAL ATTENUATOR.

The above amendment is intended to make this fact of record in the specification of this continuation application.

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